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Areas for Patent Investigations

As you know, we are currently working on the effect of salts on TPM delivery of tobacco. We currently have in our hands data that indicated that the application of salt casing solutions to tobacco can move the TPM delivery. This is accomplished without loss of puff count.

I suggest that you or your appointed representative attend our review of this work on Wednesday, January 31, in "C" conference room at 10 a.m. I believe every effort should be made to obtain patent protection in this area either by filing or acquisition of existing patents.

In addition to this work on ash, interest in non-tobacco smoking material sheets is greatly increasing. Recently we have demonstrated in our laboratory that we can make materials with fairly acceptable subjective character. In addition, Celanese is presenting to us a designed smoking material. In order to support this work I believe it necessary that you review the field of non-tobacco smoking materials to determine what patents exist and what areas we might file in.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me.

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